Police negligence in disposing unclaimed bodies

366. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the newsitem captioned "Police negligence deprives family of a decent burial for their son" appearing in Hindustan Times dated the 25th May, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that the local police disposed of 26 year old Masood Ahmed's body as "unclaimed";

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to apprehend the culprits; and

(d) whether in such cases the local police would be authorised to use electronic media for wide publicity and response?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Delhi Police have in connection with this murder arrested three persons alleged to be involved in the crime. In the meantime, the police official responsible for disposing off the body as "unclaimed" has been placed under suspension and department inquiry initiated against him.

(b) The use of electronic media in such cases is already in vogue.

Removal of border pillars by BDR

367. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) uprooted border pillars, which were installed on 24th May, 2001, at Jamalpur in Nadia's Karimpur Sub-division;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Jamalpur village belongs to India and the installation of concrete pillars along the international border is part of the on-going and annual border demarcation process;

(c) whether the inputs were passed on to the concerned officers of the Border Security Force; and

(d) if so, what detailed action has since been taken against BDR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CAG's Comments on NDMC for its poor garbage removal and sanitation management

368. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C and AG of India has pulled up the New Delhi Municipal Corporation for its poor garbage removal and sanitation management;

(b) if so, Government's reactions thereto; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve sanitation and cleanliness in and round the area under the control of NDMC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India's Report for the year ended March, 2000 of New Delhi Municipal Council contains some adverse comments as regards under-utilisation of the fleet of garbage removal trucks; incurring of heavy expenditure on hiring of trucks for this purpose; and under-utilisation of the compost plant. The Council have submitted its views in regard to these observations to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

(c) Steps taken by the New Delhi Municipal Council to improve the sanitary condition in NDMC area include launching of a project in collaboration with a non-Governmental organisation 'ACORD' aimed at increasing community participation in garbage segregation, disposal and reduction of local composting; continuous monitoring of the number of trips undertaken by the vehicles; reduction in the